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Dear Parents and Carers,

## BRONZE DofE EXPEDITION - FINAL REMINDERS

With the deadline of 28<sup>th</sup> March approaching, CONGRATULATIONS to all those who have sections signed off. **All three sections** need to have had assessor's reports uploaded in order to continue onto the Expedition section.

Here are some important reminders for the next few weeks that all students should be already aware of as we have been meeting weekly since Christmas.

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> March - PRACTICE WEEKEND

Students should come to school in their Expedition clothes with all their kit, which will be stored in SSGC. They will take part in morning lessons only before departing for their walk to Drimpton from lunchtime. Route cards need to be complete before they go, and deadline for this was last week. Fitness training continues to be important, so students can carry all of their equipment for the minimum expectation of 6 hours on each of the two days.

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Deadline for assessor's reports.

### EASTER HOLIDAYS

Practice navigation and continue fitness training.

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April - First Aid Training

Students need to come to the hall at the start of the day. They should be in PE kit, and have ALL of their kit for a check in the afternoon.

### Deadline for route cards to be completed for assessment weekend

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> April - ASSESSMENT WEEKEND

Students should come to school in their Expedition clothes with all their kit, which will be stored in SSGC. Students leave school at break time. They will camp out on Friday night at Drimpton Village Hall and continue walking on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>. Once back to school they will be free to be collected. Teams will be remotely supervised, rotating around static staff who can supply water if needed. Assessment will take place throughout the weekend.

At this stage it is essential that we have accurate and up-to-date medical and contact information for all students, so **PLEASE** inform Reception as a **matter of urgency** if there have been any changes.

I hope you understand how we will need flexibility with finish times on these weekends, due to the unpredictability of weather, pace and navigational ability!

Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact me on [RRandall@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:RRandall@beaminster.dorset.sch.uk)

Thank you

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